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Ms. Renata Hesse  
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Ms. Hesse:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the proposed settlement of the anti-trust case against Microsoft.

I strongly support settlement of this case. In my opinion, the sooner it is put to rest the better. I was not in support of the case being brought in the first place, but am glad that at least most of the suit's participants have found a solution that is acceptable to them.

I understand the role of government in protecting consumers from entrenched monopolies, however I do not believe the laws on the books with regard to this apply to today's high tech industry. In the last few years of the anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft the high tech industry has already changed significantly, proving that the marketplace is a far better regulator of corporate behavior than the courtroom.

I urge the court to approve the proposed settlement of the Microsoft case. It is the best course of action for our federal government to take.

Sincerely,

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